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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL'S COMMENTS ON US-  
EUROPEAN RELATIONS

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SUMMARY: AT A MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL  
AND AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND ON OCT. 30, FRG FONMIN  
SCHEEL DISCUSSED US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS, HIS FORTH-  
COMING VISIT TO MOSCOW (SEPTEL), AND US-FRG DIFFERENCES  
OVER THE MID-EAST (SEPTEL). SCHEEL GAVE A RELATIVELY  
UPBEAT COMMENTARY ON THE US-EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIPS, IN THE  
CONTEXT OF THE PRESENT DRAFTING EXERCISES OF THE TWO  
DECLARATIONS. HE CONTINUOUSLY REVERTED, HOWEVER, TO  
THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN PUSHING THE FRENCH  
ALONG IN THE VARIOUS OPERATIONS. END SUMMARY.

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1. SCHEEL OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY NOTING THAT PRO-  
GRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE DRAFTING OF THE TWO DECLARA-  
TIONS INVOLVING US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS, I.E., THE US-  
EC DECLARATION AND THE USNATO DOCUMENT. CONCERNING THE

LATTER, HE SAID WE ALL SEEMED AGREED THAT WE WOULD WORK FROM THE FRENCH DRAFT AND TRY TO ENRICH IT. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD TO MODIFY THE FRENCH DOCUMENT IN SUCH A WAY, HOWEVER, AS TO AVOID BRINGING DIFFICULTIES WITH FRANCE. HE THOUGHT THAT THE NATO DOCUMENT SHOULD CLEARLY REFLECT THE SENTIMENTS OF THE 15 AND NOT JUST THE 14.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL SAID THAT THE US WAS PLEASED WITH THE FRENCH DECLARATION WHICH REPRESENTS DISTINCT PROGRESS OVER THE FRENCH POSITION TAKEN SOME MONTHS AGO. HE ADDED THAT OTHER ALLIED DRAFTS HAD BEEN GOOD, AND HE HOPED THAT SOME PARTS OF THESE DRAFTS COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FRENCH DOCUMENT. HE NOTED THE CONCERNS OF CANADA AND NORWAY, FOR EXAMPLE, AT THEIR BEING LEFT OUT OF THE US-EC DRAFTING PROCESS: THEY THEREFORE WANT EXPANSION OF THE NATO DECLARATION TO INCLUDE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND OTHER AREAS. MR. STOESEL STRESSED THE US WISH TO HAVE BURDENSARING AND MBFR INCLUDED IN THE NATO DECLARATION.

3. SCHEEL SAID THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE US AND OTHER ALLIED CONCERNS. HE WAS IN AGREEMENT ON THE NEED FOR A REFERENCE TO BURDENSARING AND MBFR, BUT ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO FIND A FORMULATION ON THESE TWO ITEMS THAT THE FRENCH WOULD ACCEPT. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE FOR THE EFFORT OF THE 15 TO GO DOWN THE DRAIN OVER INSISTENCE ON A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO MBFR. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL SAID THAT HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO FIND A WAY AROUND THE PROBLEM, PERHAPS BY MAKING REFERENCE TO FORCE REDUCTION TALKS NOT RESULTING IN ANY DIMINISHED SECURITY FOR THE WEST.

4. STOESEL SAID THAT CONCERNING THE US TALKS WITH THE NINE, HE FELT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. THE COPENHAGEN MEETING HAD RESULTED IN SOME MOVEMENT ON THE POLITICAL SECRET

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ASPECTS OF COOPERATION, BUT THE US WAS NOW ANXIOUS TO GET A MOVE ON WITH THE DRAFTING OF LANGUAGE WHICH COVERED ECONOMIC ASPECTS AS WELL. HE NOTED THAT THE EC COMMISSION SEEMED TO BE MOVING VERY SLOWLY IN ITS DRAFTING.

5. (FYI: MR. STOESEL RAISED THIS POINT AT GREATER LENGTH AND MORE SPECIFICALLY WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL EARLIER OCT. 30, PER INSTRUCTIONS STATE 212595. SEE REFTTEL FOR REPORT ON THIS MEETING. END FYI.)

6. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL RAISED THE PROBLEM OF

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HAVING THE CONCEPTS OF PARTNERSHIP AND INTERDEPENDENCE INCLUDED IN THE EC DECLARATION. HE SAID THAT WASHINGTON FOUND IT VERY HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY SOME EUROPEANS OBJECTED TO THE MENTION OF THE WORD PARTNERSHIP. SCHEEL SAID THAT THE BACKGROUND TO THIS PROBLEM LAY IN THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SPHERE. THE FRENCH IN PARTICULAR WERE RELUCTANT, SEEMINGLY FEELING THAT WHEN ONE SPOKE OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN US AND EC, THAT THE EC HAD TO BE REGARDED AS A JUNIOR PARTNER. SCHEEL SAID HE PERSONALLY SAW NO REASON FOR THIS FEELING. HE THOUGHT THAT PARTNERSHIP SIGNIFIED EQUALITY ON ALL SIDES, AND THOUGHT THIS CONCEPT MIGHT WELL BE INCLUDED IN THE DECLARATION. HE SAID THE FRENCH ALSO APPEARED CONCERNED THAT BY AGREEING TO THE CONCEPT OF PARTNERSHIP WITH THE US, THE EC MIGHT BE AGREEING TO ITS HAVING A RESTRICTED ROLE IN THE WORLD. AGAIN, SCHEEL SAID HE DID NOT SHARE THIS CONCERN.

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7. SCHEEL EXPLAINED THE NEED TO KEEP ALL OF THE NINE TOGETHER IN CONDUCTING THIS DRAFTING EXERCISE. HE SAID THE GERMANS WOULD BE PREPARED OBVIOUSLY TO GO FURTHER THAN THE FRENCH IN SETTING FORTH THE NATURE OF THE US-

EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIP BUT THE NECESSITY OF RETAINING  
A COMMON EUROPEAN POSITION WAS IMPORTANT.

8. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL SAID THAT THERE WAS  
A FURTHER IDEA WHICH THE US THOUGHT IMPORTANT IN DEAL-  
ING WITH THE VARIOUS DECLARATIONS. THIS WAS THAT THE  
DOCUMENTS WERE NOT A CULMINATION OF AN EFFORT, BUT THE  
START OF AN EVOLVING CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE. WE ALSO  
WANTED MORE BALANCE IN THE DOCUMENTS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF  
THE NEED TO STRESS THE TRANS-ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP. MR.  
STOESEL THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE A USEFUL OPERATION  
IN TERMS OF DEMONSTRATING TO THE US PUBLIC THE POSITIVE  
NATURE OF COOPERATION WITH WESTERN EUROPE.

9. SCHEEL COMMENTED THAT ONE IMPORTANT ASPECT OF  
DRAFTING THE EC-US DECLARATION WAS ITS DUAL IMPLICA-  
TIONS, I.E., FIRSTLY, IN TERMS OF STATING SOMETHING  
ABOUT THE US-EC RELATIONSHIP, AND SECOND, CREATING A  
EUROPEAN IDENTITY. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS GRATEFUL  
THAT THE US HAD SHOWN SUCH GREAT UNDERSTANDING FOR  
THESE TWO FACTORS, AND ESPECIALLY THE LATTER. HE SAID  
THAT THE CONTINUATION OF THE INTEGRATION MOVEMENT IN  
EUROPE REQUIRED NOT ONLY US TOLERANCE BUT A US PUSH.

10. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL EXPRESSED HIS AP-  
PRECIATION FOR MINISTER SCHEEL'S REMARKS AND FOR THE  
GERMAN ASSISTANCE IN PUSHING THE DRAFTING OPERATIONS  
AHEAD BOTH IN THE EC AND NATO FORA.  
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